



Trowse Primary School

What a busy start to the second half of the year

Ofsted Inspection

We knew we would be inspected this year and we finally got the call from Ofsted on the first morning back after half-term. We had a full 'graded' inspection with two inspectors for two days. It was certainly full on with a packed timetable on both days and we feel that the inspectors left with a really good understanding of what Trowse is all about. We have received the draft report today and hope to be able to share it with you all very soon!

As always, I would just like to say how extremely proud I am of the team here at Trowse, the children and families who engaged so fully with the inspectors and were so eloquent about their lovely school. Thank you, families, for your positive engagement with Parent View and those who took the time to speak to an inspector—just, thank you everyone for your kindness and support.

World Book Day 2025



Dates...

Tuesday, 11th March

Reception to Gressenhall

9.00 Anxiety for Children workshop in hall

Friday 21st March

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Non-Uniform suggested donation £1

Year 3 to Sacred Science at Norwich Cathedral

Tuesday, 25th March

Year 4 Skiing – last session – parents welcome to watch

Friday, 4th April

Celebration Assembly.
Last day of term

Wednesday, 23rd April

Start of Summer Term – children return to school

Tuesday, 29th April

9.15am Parent Workshop – Managing Children's Behaviour

Tuesday, 5th/Wed 6th May

Year 4 to Eaton Vale

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It was brilliant to see so many children dressed as their favourite book characters last Thursday, please have a look at our website for a few of the photos. The **Bedtime Stories** on Friday evening was really well attended and I understand FOTS have raised over £350 from the evening, which is fabulous.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you also to all of you who supported our Book Fair – we have raised over £500 in rewards that we can spend on new books for our library.

Go Go Giraffe



Mrs Carver has been working tirelessly on our giraffe ready for the trail in the summer in Norwich. It is now completed and waiting to be christened – we have had lots of suggestions for it's name and we will let you know soon. Look out for it over the summer in Norwich, after which time it will be returned to Trowse to live here. Each child has designed their own little person which has been added to the design to make it completely unique.

Sporting Achievements



Children from Years 5 and 6 attended an inter-schools Tag Rugby Festival at Framingham Earl this week and won the competition, they represented the school really well – huge congratulations Team Trowse !

Our Year 4 skiers have just two weeks left of their 10 week block and they are making fabulous progress, their parents are welcome to come along to the Snowsports Club on Tuesday 25th March from 1.45 to watch them.

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Visits and School Trips

Our reception class had their first "big" school outing this week – going to Gressenhall for "Once Upon a Time". Mrs Wahiwala-Richardson tells me that the children were amazing and all had a brilliant day – thank you to the FOTS for funding this outing for them.

Lunch Menus

We will have a new lunch menu after Easter which will run until October half term, finalised copies of which will be sent home to you soon. We have received notification that the cost of lunches is to be increased for paid children's meals, however, we have absorbed a lot of the increase and will only be adding 10p onto the cost to parents – so from 1st April school meals will increase to £2.90.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings have been really well supported and it has been lovely to share your children's progress with you.

Smartphone Free Childhood <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

It was great that so many of you contributed to the survey: 81 in total. The results have been on display at Parents evening for you to see. More information will follow on shortly, but in the meantime, thank you to the 34 of you who have signed up to the 'Parent Pact' on the smartphone free childhood website.

AND SOME OF OUR FREQUENT REMINDERS...

Parking

We know sometimes parking can be difficult, but we would particularly request, please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines just outside school. Yellow zig-zag lines means 'no parking'. They are there to keep children safe, which I know is what we all want.



Uniform

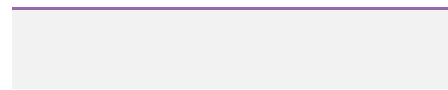
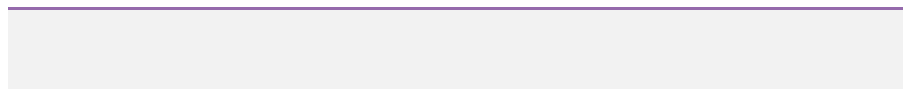
FIRSTLY, PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED! We still have a lot of lost property with no names! We are sorting out all of the "New to You" uniform ready for parents evening when the rails will be out, but if you want anything before then, just ask the office. Please do bring in donations of out-grown, clean, good quality **Trowse logo polos, jumpers and cardigans**. All donations gratefully received. Polo tops will remain at £2 each and jumpers and cardigans will be £3 – what a bargain !

Breakfast Club

Please book in the normal way if you would like your child to come along! Breakfast will be included of course! If this interests you, then book via the 'School Cloud' App www.trowse.schoolcloud.co.uk

We will notify you when the booking system goes live for the sessions after Easter.

Please note, sadly we still have parents driving at speed into our car park to drop off children to Breakfast Club or collect them from After School Club. The same considerations apply as for normal school drop off – please park on the roundabout and walk your children in.



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The car park is for Chapelfield nursery children, taxis and staff coming to work. We have seen some close calls with cars and children and this needs to stop before an accident happens. Only in an EMERGENCY should you come onto the car park and then it is a MAXIMUM OF 5mph.

*Working parents of Primary School aged children who are accessing before and after school childcare (also known as wraparound provision) can use **Tax-Free***

***Childcare** or **Universal Credit Childcare** to help pay for Breakfast and After School childcare.*

Tax-Free Childcare can be used by working families with children aged 0-11 years and earning under £100k and at least £167 per week, and who aren't receiving Universal Credit or Tax Credits. For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2000 per child per year.

Universal Credit Childcare can be used by working families claiming Universal Credit with children under 17 years old. Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs can be reclaimed. Parents will need to speak to their work coach for more information.

Find out more information from the Childcare Choices website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/combining-schemes>



Childcare
Choices

Big Norfolk Fun is running again from 7th to 17th April 2025.

If your child is eligible to Free School Meals, you can book them in for FREE! Have a look on the website – there are lots of great things on offer to keep the children busy in the Easter holidays.

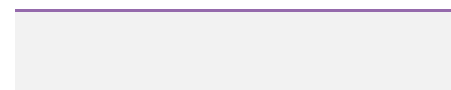
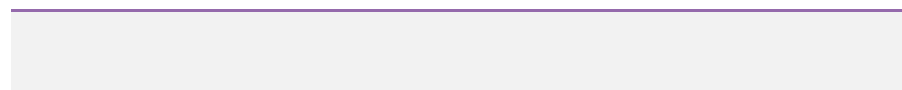
<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

Items From Home

Please do check that your children are not bringing in toys, cards, lots of stationary etc. from home. This can be particularly relevant in the new year when children have new things! We have had situations in school recently where children are giving each other things, (or children asking for things from a friend) which then becomes difficult and sometimes upsetting. The easiest way to avoid any of this, is to not bring anything in from home that may then cause upset.

That's about it for this edition.

Stuart Odell, Headteacher



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